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Reply to Notification of Defective Response of January 6, 2003

Regarding Compliance with Sequence Rules Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response, dated January 6, 2003, enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- (A) one diskette containing the Sequence Listing in computer-readable form;
- (B) the required statement concerning submissions of computer-readable copies of Sequence Listings subsequent to filing of the application, pursuant to 37

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C.F.R.§1.825(d); and

(C) a copy of the Notification of Defective Response.

Any Patent Office fee associated with this matter should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Priority Document
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette
- · Biochemical Sequence Listing
- Copy of IPE Report
- · Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

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Applicant's response filed 09/23/2002 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 02/20/2002 have not been completed.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below:

- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 for the following reason(s):
  - Please review the CRF problem report attached to the notice.
  - APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE:
    - An initial or substitute paper copy or compact disc of the "Sequence Listing," as well as an

amendment directing its entry into the specification.

- For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:
  - For Rules Interpretation, call (703) 308-4216
  - To Purchase Patentin Software, call (703) 306-2600
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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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